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BULGARIAN CLERGYMEN PRESSED BY COMMUNISTS -- Athens, Stratiotika Nea, 30 Aug 53

According to information reported by Bulgarian refugees, the Communists in Bulgaria have succeeded in converting to Communism many clergymen, who now devote their time to spreading Communist teachings and reporting the activities of suspicious persons. Those who do not submit, are exiled or executed. Up to the present, metropolitans Evlogiy of Silymnou and Boris of Gotse Delchev have been executed. The former exarchs Stefan and Paisiy, as well as metropolitans Neofit of Vidin, Filaret of Lovech, and Sofroniy of Turnovo, have been exiled and their fate is unknown. Kiril, the present Patriarch of the Bulgarian Church, was able to secure this post only by his activities in the field of Communist propaganda.

MONASTERIES AND THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS SEIZED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA -- Salonica, Nea Alitheia,  $^{\rm h}$  Sep  $^{\rm 53}$ 

Vienna -- The monastery of the Dominican Brothers in Repcin, near Olomouc, has been converted into a police school. The monks are forced to work in textile factories. Another monastery of the Dominican Brothers in Znojmo, in Moravia, has been converted into a police training camp. Many of the monks have been sent to concentration camps and others have been sent to agricultural regions to work on farms. The theological students have been forcibly conscripted, for the first time in Czech history.

The theological school in the city of Teplice Sanov has been converted into a military academy. It has 400 students and 400 teachers /sic/. The theological school of Pitmerise /Litomerice? has been converted into a prison.

In Bratislava, the police have seized the Capuchin monastery and have forced the monks to work on state farms. The monastery of the city of Tsib \( \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\mathbb{Z}} \) is used as a barracks for frontier guards. The high-ranking clergy are housed in the Zelib \( \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{\mathbb{Z}} \) eliving monastery, which is considered the prison for high-ranking clergymen. This monastery is well guarded by armed men of the state security.

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ACTIVITIES OF CATHOLIC CLERGY IN POLAND -- Bilbao, La Gazeta del Norte 21 Jul 53

Berlin (Special Correspondent) -- During the past 12 months, the pace of religious persecution in Communist Poland has become considerably faster. At present, seven bishops have lost their discesses and thousands of priests have been executed or imprisoned. However, the number of calls to the priesthood is as great as in the past. The small seminaries which the Communist government has permitted to function up to this time cannot admit all the applicants. Another significant fact is the financial support of the Church for its material needs, despite the modest means of its members.

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